

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A surface treating appliance comprising a main body having a user-operable handle, and a support assembly ~~which is~~ mounted to the main body and having a rolling portion configured to rotate ~~arranged to roll~~ with respect to the main body ~~to allow for~~ allowing the appliance to be rolled along a surface by means of the handle, the rolling portion of the support assembly housing at least one component of the appliance.

2. (Original) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the component is mounted within the support assembly such that a rolling surface of the support assembly rotates around the component.

3. (Original) An appliance according to claim 2 further comprising a shell, mounted within the support assembly, for supporting the component, and wherein the rolling surface is arranged to rotate around the shell.

4. (Original) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the component is mounted within the support assembly such that it rotates with the support assembly during rolling movement of the support assembly.

5. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the support assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.

6. (Original) An appliance according to claim 5 wherein the fluid inlet is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support assembly.

7. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5 wherein the fluid inlet comprises an inlet duct that provides support between the main body and the support assembly.

8. (Original) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support assembly.

9. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet comprises an outlet duct arranged to provide support between the main body and the support assembly.

10. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid inlet and fluid outlet are positioned on the same side of the support assembly.

11. (Original) An appliance according to claim 10 wherein one of the fluid inlet or outlet surrounds the other of the fluid inlet or outlet.

12. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the fluid outlet comprises a plurality of apertures in the rolling surface of the support assembly.

13. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the main body comprises a separating apparatus for separating entrained matter from the fluid flow.

14. (Original) An appliance according to claim 13 wherein the fluid inlet receives fluid flow from the separating apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises a filter.

16. (Original) An appliance according to claim 15 wherein the filter has a longitudinal axis and is located within the support assembly such that fluid passes radially through the filter.

17. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises separating apparatus for separating entrained matter from the fluid flow.

18. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the device for acting on the fluid flow comprises a suction-generating apparatus.

19. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 18 wherein the suction-generating apparatus comprises an impeller and a motor for driving the impeller.

20. (Currently Amended) An appliance as claimed in [[any]] claim 5, 6 or 7 wherein the component comprises a motor for driving a further component of the appliance.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 20 wherein the further component is a surface agitating device.

23. (Original) An appliance according to claim 22 wherein the surface agitating device comprises a brush bar.

24. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 20 wherein the further component is a surface polishing device.

25. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the motor has a longitudinal axis that is inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis of the support assembly.

26. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the motor is housed within the support assembly such that the centre of mass of the motor is aligned with the centre of the support assembly.

27. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 19 wherein the support assembly comprises a plurality of rotatable members.

28. (Original) An appliance according to claim 27 wherein two rotatable members are spaced from each other.

29. (Original) An appliance according to claim 28 wherein a component of the appliance is located between the spaced members.

30. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 28 wherein a fluid inlet or outlet is located between the spaced members.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (Original) An appliance according to claim 2 wherein the support assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support assembly and provides support between the main body and the support assembly and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid that is substantially coaxial with the axis of

rotation of the support assembly, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.

34. (Original) An appliance according to claim 3 wherein the support assembly comprises a fluid inlet for receiving fluid flow that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support assembly and provides support between the main body and the support assembly and a fluid outlet for exhausting fluid that is substantially coaxial with the axis of rotation of the support assembly, and the component comprises a device for acting on fluid flow received through the inlet.

35. (New) An appliance according to claim 1 wherein the support assembly further comprises an access hatch.